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Port Almanac—Dec. 17.

Sun Rises	7 04 A M
Sun Sets	4 48 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	1 03 P M
High Water at Wilmington	2.46 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 33°; 8 p. m., 50°; maximum, 63°; minimum, 26°; mean, 49°. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 9.70.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

High barometer areas are central over the southeast Atlantic coast and the far Northwest. Low areas over the Northeast and Southern Texas. Sleet is falling at St. Louis, elsewhere fair weather is reported over the country. The cold wave has moved rapidly southeast, and its front is now extended from Lake Erie southwest to Texas, with temperatures ranging from 30 degrees at St. Louis to 4 at Davenport, and below zero over Minnesota.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Friday: Generally fair weather, decidedly colder Friday night, winds becoming northerly.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 4 feet.

OUTLINES.

Congress will take recess to-morrow, to reassemble January 5th, 1893; civil service law was yesterday discussed in the Senate. The currency bill was presented in the House, as prepared by Secretary Gage. ——Six people killed in a railroad collision near Fort Smith, Ark. ——Another negro lynched in Lawrence county, Miss., for complicity in the murder of the Smith family near Brookhaven last week. ——Secretary Gage presented his bill for a revision of the currency to the House committee on banking and currency. ——G. C. Chase shot and killed Mat Linkenhoker in Botetourt court, Va.——Near Greenville, Augusta county, Va., Edwin A. Merritt was shot and killed by Robt. N. Finger. ——Henry C. Dockery has been appointed United States Marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina. ——Thos. C. Fuller, of North Carolina, has been reappointed associate justice of the Court of Private Land Claims; Jos. McKenna, of California, appointed associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. ——The anti-foot ball bill was defeated in the Virginia Senate.——Treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece has been ratified. ——Alphonse Daudet, the French dramatist, died suddenly at his home in Paris. ——Wm. Terriss, a well known actor, was assassinated last night as he was entering the Adelphi theatre, London, Eng.; the assassin, a stage "super," was arrested. ——Populist members of the House of Representatives in caucus last night in Washington adopted resolutions to resist efforts to modify the existing civil service law, to oppose any scheme to enlarge powers of national banks, to destroy greenbacks and treasury notes, and to favor recognition of the Cuban republic and the early passage of a bankruptcy bill. ——Another hitch has occurred in the Luetgert trial; one of the jurors who had expressed himself as in favor of hanging the prisoner was discharged. ——Private advices from Madrid says that the government is alarmed at the reception accorded Weyler, that a revolution is feared and preparations are making for the flight of the royal family. ——New York markets: Money on call was easier at 1¾@3 per cent, last loan at 2, and closed offered at 1¾ per cent.; cotton dull; middling 5⅞c; flour—the market was quiet but steady and firmer; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 98⅝c f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot firm; No. 2 34¼c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

The visitation of smallpox put Atlanta in the sling. About 40,000 of her people were vaccinated.

A heavy transaction is reported from Birmingham, Ala., the shipment of 5,000 tons of pig iron to Japan.

A glass bottle Trust has recently been formed embracing all the principal bottle making plants in the country. It is a "corker."

A Western Republican paper asks the New York Republicans to "see each other as others see them." If they did one look would suffice.

Kaiser William has some pretty taking ways. He last took about 400 square miles of dirt in China and he acted as if there wasn't anything dirty about it.

Iowa also is wrestling with a deficit, the small amount of $500,000, making increased taxation necessary. Increased taxation, deficits and Republicanism go together.

The New Jersey man who rigged himself out in his best and put on a pair of white kid gloves before he shot himself wanted to put himself in good shape for the coroner.

The toll-gate festivities have been resumed in Kentucky. Bands of raiders got away with all the gates on the principal turnpikes in Montgomery county Saturday night.

Those Chicago aldermen who increased their pay from $3 a week to $1,500 a year seem to have been under the impression that prosperity had struck that town and wanted their share of it.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

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Mr. Brown, the insurance man, who secured the big $1,000,000 take from Mr. George Vanderbilt, is a hustler, who lives in Hackensack, N. J. He had previously sacked a half dozen other big policies, varying from $50,000 to $500,000. He gets about $3,500 a year commissions for 20 years on the Vanderbilt job, and if he gets proportionately as well paid for the others, he ought to be able to start a little insurance establishment of his own.

A Western Congressman proposes to settle the seal question by having a big round up and a general massacre of the seals. When Western Congressmen mean business they mean it. This would be rough on the seals, but it would be a pretty effective solution of that question and would save lots of fish.

A Pennsylvania Judge has decided that a woman on the witness stand has a right to refuse to tell her age when a lawyer tries to pump it out of her. The Judge holds that her age is a woman's secret to which she has a natural and inalienable right, if she does not voluntarily surrender it.

An order has been issued that the National Guard of New York be supplied with uniforms made in the State prison, but the boys in the Guard object to prison clothes and declare they will disband rather than wear them.

Hon. J. K. Bustis, formerly Senator from Louisiana, and Ambassador to France, has located in New York. It is not reported, however, that he has been hired by any of the syndicates, as some of the other retired statesmen have.

George Vanderbilt never shot a gun in his life. There are lots of game on his Biltmore place, but the New York *World* is authority for the statement that the only game he takes pop at is whist.

The latest from Columbus, Ohio, is that the opposition to Hanna is growing and that if he be not elected on the first ballot twenty-five Republicans will desert him.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HAMME—Latest style hats.
OPERA HOUSE—The Lees.
CITIZENS' B. & L. A.—New stock.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WM. TIENKEN—Tonsorial Parlor.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

—Mr. R. C. Applewhite, of Cronly, was here yesterday.

— Mr. W. H, Carter, of Wallace, was in the city yesterday.

— Dr. B. R. Graham, of Wallace, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. K. W. Boone, of Magnolia, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. B. I. Powell, of Henderson, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Martin, of Hickory, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. G. B. D. Parker, of Chinquepin, is in the city making business calls.

— Mr. R. K. Bryan, of Scott's Hill, formerly with the *Dispatch*, was in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. Gannon and Groom, boiler and hull inspectors, of Charleston, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Capt. J. J. Adkins, of Southport, is attending the American Pilots' Association now in session at Washington, D. C.

— Mrs. Theo. Marburg and children, of Baltimore, who have been visiting relatives in the city, returned home yesterday.

— Rev. F. H. Farrington, pastor of Southside Baptist church, has returned from attending the Baptist State Convention at Oxford.

Foot Ball Christmas.

The A. C. L. and O. A. N. teams are practicing for "dear life" each night, preparing for the Christmas game. The grand-stand at Hilton Park is being rebuilt and will be large enough to accommodate the crowd. Both teams will practice again to-night, each meeting at the usual place.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always advance.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Two matrimonial events will take place on the 29th inst.

— Three cases of disorderly conduct were disposed of in the Police Court yesterday.

— The United States light house tender *Almeria* was reported off the bar at Southport yesterday.

— Middling cotton was quoted in this market yesterday firm at 5⅜c. Same grade in Savannah was steady at 5⅛c; in Charleston, steady at 5 3-16c.

— The British steamship *Yearby*, Captain Goldsworthy, arrived in port yesterday from Hull, England, and has taken a birth at the Champion Compress.

— Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., secretary of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association, announces that a new series of stock will be issued Monday, January 3rd, 1898.

— The Y. M. C. A. night school closed for the Christmas holidays last night, after a very successful term. The school will open again on the 3rd of next month.

— The *Mabel Darling's* cargo of oranges, consisting of about 255 000, have all been disposed of, except about 50,000. Three wholesale merchants took 50,000 each.

—The Norwegian steamship *Fram*, Captain Tysland, which passed up yesterday afternoon with a cargo of kainit, was heavily loaded. She was drawing over twenty feet of water.

— Mr. F. J. Lamb has erected a new cart house on the corner of Eighth and Campbell streets, which will be a convenience for farmers coming into the city in that direction.

— The W., C. & A. train, due here at 11.25 p. m., was nearly two hours late yesterday, being obliged to wait for connections. It was late the day before also. The Christmas travel has evidently begun.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—511 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 10 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1 136 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 188 bbls rosin, 86 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—154 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 143 bbls rosin, 74 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—189 bales cotton, 83 casks spirits turpentine, 66 bbls rosin, 67 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—1 bale cotton, 154 bbls rosin, 189 bbls rosin, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—17 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 61 bbls rosin, 105 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

C. Lirken's flit—4 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 34 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 2.005 bales; spirits turpentine, 83 casks; rosin, 646 bbls; tar, 534 bbls; crude turpentine, 14 bbls.

Quarterly Report of the Treasurer of the Associated Charities.

The report of the Treasurer of the Associated Charities for the three months ending December 11th shows the total receipts to have been $635 88. Of this amount $350 was the regular quarterly appropriation from the county; $95 93 was a balance left on hand at the end of the previous quarter; the remainder being made up of contributions from individuals ranging in amount from twenty-five cents to twenty-five dollars. During the quarter there were also liberal contributions in kind.

The disbursements for the quarter footed up $607 31, leaving a balance of $18 03 with which to begin the next quarter.

A Mammoth Refrigerator.

Mr. C. D. Morrill has about completed and put in place for Mr. I. B. Rhodes a very large refrigerator—the largest in the city with one exception. It is ten feet high, ten feet long and eight feet wide, giving eighty square feet floor room.

It is built according to the Hughes patent, the State right to which Mr. Morrill has purchased, and all the material used in its construction was bought in Wilmington. The dry air process of refrigeration is used with very good results, as a general assortment of fruits and meats can be kept in the refrigerator without one article getting the odor of another.

Sad News.

Mr. T. C. Coleman received further information by letter yesterday announcing the sad news that his sister, Mrs. O. G. Hartsfield, at Tifton, Ga., during the excitement attending the fire which destroyed the dwelling and nearly everything else last Tuesday, fell down a flight of stairs and broke her right leg. The fire, which was incendiary, broke out about 4 o'clock in the morning, and the family escaped with their lives. It seems there was no insurance, and the loss will go doubly hard with them.

Interment at Oakdale.

The W., C. & A. train yesterday afternoon brought to this city for interment the body of Miss Stella Lytle, of Hub, who died at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at the age of 14 years. The remains were accompanied by the father and mother of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lytle, and by Mr. Stephen Short.

On arrival in the city the casket was taken to the Catholic Cemetery at Oakdale for interment, the services being conducted by Rev. C. Dennen.

— Mr. J. C. Murchison, of Greensboro, arrived in the city last evening.

NEW ARTESIAN WELL.

Drilling Steadily Progressing—A Depth of Two Hundred and Thirty Feet Reached.

The drilling of the artesian well for the Clarendon Water Works Company, at the company's station at Hilton, is going steadily on and progressing smoothly. Up to last evening a depth of two hundred and thirty feet had been reached, and a bluish colored clay possessing some qualities similar to India rubber, was being brought up by the hollow cylinder pump, which passes through the casing after the drill and bit have been removed, and brings to the surface the earth displaced by the drill. For several days past the pump brought up pieces of shell and of fishes. The scene of the drilling is visited every day by many people who seem to enjoy seeing the bit and drill (which measure together sixty feet and weigh three thousand pounds), raised by a cable, connected with a powerful engine, to the top of the immense derrick, eighty-four feet high, and is allowed to descend, and plunge with its enormous momentum into the earth.

The work of drilling is in progress both night and day, two sets of hands being employed.

A specimen of the different kinds of clay, rock, sand, etc., through which the drill passes, is being preserved to be sent to Prof. J. A. Holmes, State geologist. These specimens are being collected under the direction of Mr. James Black.

METHODIST MINISTERS ON THE MOVE.

Changes at All the Churches Except Fifth Street.

Rev. T. H. Sutton, who has been for two years pastor of Market Street Methodist church, preached his farewell sermon last night. He will leave here to-morrow for his new field, the La Grange circuit.

Rev. Albert Barnes, formerly of the Youngsville circuit, Raleigh district, who has been appointed in Mr. Sutton's place, will preach his first sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Rev. R. A. Willis, Pastor of Grace M. E church, leaves at 2 o'clock to day via Newbern for Elizabeth City, where he has been assigned work for the ensuing year. His successor in Wilmington, Rev. A. P. Tyer, of Elizabeth City, is expected to arrive next Wednesday.

The new pastor of Bladen Street M. E church, Rev. G. D. Langston, formerly located at Manteo, is expected to arrive the last part of this week, or early next week.

A Little Boy Lost.

Mrs. Z. E. Murrill, who resides at No. 718 North Fourth street, yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock reported to policeman Knox, on duty at the City Hall, that her little son Eanis, five years of age, was lost and requested that the police be notified to keep a lookout for him. It seems that yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Mrs. Murrill took Eanis with her to Mr. U. C. Ellis' photograph studio, and while she was going into the studio Eanis stopped outside to look at the different pictures displayed, but after a reasonable time had elapsed and the little fellow did not follow his mother, Mrs. Murrill went to get him, but discovered that he was nowhere in sight; so after searching for him without success she notified policeman Knox. The lost boy had on a gray checked suit of clothes and a soft crushed hat.

At the roll-call last night at 7 45 o'clock Captain of Police Robert Green instructed all the men to look out for the missing child.

Current Events Department of the Sorosis.

The organization meeting of the Current Events Department of the North Carolina Sorosis was held yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. H. G. Wadley as chairman. A most interesting line of work was selected. The subjects studied will embrace foreign and national affairs, recent explorations, discoveries and inventions.

A fee of one dollar was assessed, the proceeds from the same to be used in the purchase of recent books by the best authors. The books will be circulated among the members of the department.

The meetings, which promise to be in every way pleasant and instructive, will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 4 o'clock p. m. at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Howell, Jr.

Merchants' Association.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association was held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the rooms of the association in the S. A. L. building. Maj. W. A. Johnson, the president, presided, with Mr. P. Heinsberger secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. H. Thomas made motion, which was unanimously carried, to appoint Messrs. J. Allen Taylor and Marcus W. Jacobi as delegates to represent Wilmington at the Commercial Travellers' Banquet, which will be held in Southern Pines the eighth of next month. Several other matters were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

W. L. I. Non-commissioned Officers.

In addition to Mr. W. A. Whitney, mentioned in the STAR yesterday as having received from Col. Jno. F. Bruton his Sergeant's warrant, the following non-commissioned officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry, Company C, of the Second Regiment, North Carolina State Guard, have received a similar mark of distinction:

G. A. Cardwell, 1st Sergeant; J. B. Cooper, 2nd Sergeant; T. D. Love, Jr., 3rd Sergeant; J. VanB. Metts, 4th Sergeant; W. A. Whitney, 5th Sergeant; Jno. C. James, 1st Corporal; N. E. Gillican, 2nd Corporal; R. F. Fowler, 3rd Corporal; T. W. Davis, 4th Corporal.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

FOOT BALL PLAYERS.

Game Between the Orioles and Chesnut Streeters.

Once or twice every week the juvenile, shaggy-haired, leather-tongued foot ball players of this city engage in battle upon the gridiron at the O. A. N. Athletic Park.

Yesterday the Orioles and the Chesnut street boys were in the game, or at least both elevens were in it until by a neat little "now you see it and now you don't" trick, Gause, left end on the Orioles, made a touch down which let the Chesnut street boys out of the game. The touch down made by Gause was the only score made, as Moore failed to kick goal.

The lines of battle were composed of the following warriors, viz:

Orioles		*Chesnut Streeters.*
Gibbons (capt.)	c.	King
Green	r. g.	Grant
Reilly	l. g.	Corbett
Huhn	r. t.	Miller
Davis, P.	l. t.	Branch
Montgomery	r. e.	Stevenson
Davis, L.	l. e.	Gause
Johnson	q. b.	Parsley (capt.)
Foard	r. h. b.	Foster
Smith	l. h. b.	Gordon
Carpenter	f. b.	Moore

Coachers—Hatch and Black, Chesnut Streeters; Sinclair and Latham, Orioles. Umpire, J. N. Sweeney; referee, Clifford Hopkins; lineman, Leslie Wiggs; time keeper, Archie Bullock.

"Star Playing"—Davis (L.), Carpenter, Foster, Gordon, Moore, Stevenson and Parsley.

LECTURE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

"Seven Centuries of English Song" by Mr. Louis C. Elson.

To night at the Young Men's Christian Association the Wilmington Lyceum will afford a most enjoyable evening's entertainment—Mr. Louis C. Elson will deliver a lecture entitled "Seven Centuries of English Song," illustrated with vocal and instrumental music. Of this lecture the Kansas City *Daily Times* says:

Mr. Louis C. Elson, of Boston, probably the most learned music critic of the country, gave an illustrated lecture on "The History of English Song" at Music Hall last night, under the auspices of the Kansas City Art Association. To such an audience a man of Mr. Elson's knowledge, experience and gift of expression is exceedingly interesting. For years an enthusiastic student of music in general, of folk songs in particular, and a singer of graceful and most winning accomplishments, he comes before an audience enriched with the fruits of his patience and his talents, and only the limitations of time and opportunity can confine his happy and instructive comments, and his enhancing vocal illustrations. As a desultory talker Mr. Elson has few equals. Thoroughly imbued with the love and knowledge of the art of music, blessed with a magnetic and pleasing presence, he glides from one topic to another with a conversational ease and a self-forgetfulness that are rare and refreshing, and which hold the interest of his audience unbroken.

Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Roanoke, Va., Called to the Pastorate of First Baptist Church.

An important business meeting of the First Baptist church was held last night after the usual weekly prayer meeting. The object of the meeting was to hear the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to recommend to the church a pastor to succeed Rev. W. B. Oliver, whose pastorate expires April 30, 1893. The committee recommended that a call be extended to Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Roanoke, Va., to take effect May 1, 1893. The report was adopted and the call was made unanimous.

It will be remembered that the present pastor, Rev. W. B. Oliver, offered his resignation some time ago, believing that perhaps he could accomplish more in another field. The church refused by a large majority to accept his resignation, and he consented to remain until the end of the pastoral year, stating that then his relation as pastor would end. The action of last night was in view of this statement.

GREAT HYPNOTISTS COMING.

The Lees, the Sensation of the Year, to Appear Here Next Week.

The following concerning the Lees' great company of hypnotists, who make their first appearance here next Monday night in the Opera House, is clipped from the Raleigh *News and Observer*, where they are playing this week:

Men were put to sleep, made to forget their names, rendered unable to talk, compelled to stutter and stammer, whereas they had always before spoken distinctly. Sticks were placed in their hands which they were unable to throw down until the spell was taken off. At the suggestion of the hypnotist they experienced all sorts of pains, aches and burns; also at his suggestion long hat pins were stuck into their cheeks, arms and other parts of the body without the slightest physical discomfort. The house last night was crowded to its utmost capacity. The performance was hugely enjoyed by all who were present.

Professor Lee was assisted in his work by his niece, Miss Alberta Lee, who is said to be the smallest and youngest hypnotist in the world.

A Testimonial to Rev. R. A. Willis.

Yesterday was the eve of the departure of Rev. R. A. Willis, late pastor of Grace M. E church, for Elizabeth City to enter upon the duties of Presiding Elder for that district, and last night Rev. Mr. Willis and Mrs. Willis were guests at the residence of Col. and Mrs. Roger Moore, on Chesnut street, between Front and Second. During the evening a number of gentlemen, friends of Rev. Mr. Willis, called at the residence and presented Mr. Willis with a gentleman's handsome travelling case and outfit.

The presentation speech was made by Mr. W. B. Cooper, who tersely expressed the love and esteem in which Mr. Willis is held in Wilmington and the great regret caused by his departure.

Rev. Mr. Willis accepted the token and spoke feelingly and well of his love for the people of this city and of his departure.

— Mr. Wm. J. Lee, of the War Department at Washington City, is in the city on his way to visit his son at Southport.

RETURNED FROM FLORIDA.

Wilmington People Guests of Mr. H. M. Flagler in the "Land of Flowers."

The following in reference to Wilmington people recently sojourning in Florida, is taken from the St. Augustine *Herald*:

Mr. Henry M. Flagler, accompanied by his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Holmes, Mrs. W. R Kenan Miss Kenan and Miss Sarah G Kenan, of Wilmington, N. C., left the Alcazar this morning en route to Key West, with brief sojourns at Ormond and the other interesting points along the east coast where he has interests. Mr. Flagler is on a pleasure trip this time giving his friends a two weeks' outing in his special car.

Miss Kenan, who has before been Mr. Flagler's guest here, fairly won the admiration of the large assembly in the Memorial church yesterday with her delightfully clear and correct soprano voice. It was an unexpected delight to the gathering.

Miss Julia Dismukes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dismukes, president of St. Augustine's National Bank, will accompany Mr. Flagler's party back to Wilmington to be the guest of Mrs. Holmes. Miss Dismukes is a young lady of remarkable beauty and captivating manners, and will no doubt enchant the Wilmingtonites as she has every other social circle graced by her presence. Mr. Flagler's appearance indicates the best of health and that the charming company with him drives exacting cares away. It is seldom the multi-millionaire toiler has a vacation.

Mr. Flagler, Miss Kenan, Miss Sue Cumming, Mrs. W. G. Elliott and two children, left last evening via the A. C. L., for New York. The party, with the exception of Mr. Flagler, will return to Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice December 16th, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

Mrs Clara Brit, Mrs Dinah Brown, Miss Berta Carnes, Miss Maryland Hall, Mrs Susan Hill, Miss Mary J Hall, Miss Louanna Hill, Miss Hattie Hines, Mrs Dr Hill, Miss Anna Horner, Miss Mary Jones, Mrs Jennie Melvin, Mrs Maria Mebson, Miss Lula Pickard, Miss Charity Robinson, Miss Dollie A Smith, Miss Leurah Vinson, Miss Mattie Williams, Miss Hester Williams, Miss Essie Wilson, Miss Emma Washington, Miss Eliza Wright.

MEN'S LIST.

Solomon Bellamy, B J Brown, Mr—Cohen, W B Carhart (3) Carhart Shoe Manufacturing Company (2), J H Davis, M T Evans, James Edwards, Antone Fragons, M L Gore, Henry Hopkins, James Hill, Church Himes S B Jones, R E Joyce, Alberto Jonas, R H Lanier, W H Morehouse, S W Merritt, Samuel Moore, L J Murphy, C W Moody, Capt Duncan Matheson, David Mosely, D S McKeithan, Ed Nixon, William Owens, Ideo Stymand, N Rovig, P T Steverson, — Strawicki, L J Smith, Birret Thomas, J J Vought, Charles Williams, Samuel Waddell, Ruben Wiggins, Josh Wright, Wilmington Commercial Art College.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Fromholdt Erickson, Arthur Thielheim.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

D G Peeden, Z P Kirby.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

THE FIGHT AGAINST HANNA.

The Anti-Hanna Men Now Claim Twenty-Seven Votes, and Will Hold a Caucus.

[*Washington Post Special.*]

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 15.—Two caucuses will be held by the Republican members of the Legislature on the Senatorial question. That matter is practically settled. Unless the forces of the opposition to Mr. Hanna suffer a sudden and unexpected diminution, twenty-seven will take part in the caucus which will oppose Mr. Hanna's elevation to the United States Senate by election. The leaders of the opposition gave this statement to the public to day. They assert that they are entirely certain of twenty-seven Republican votes against Mr. Hanna.

The proposition to hold two caucuses has been under discussion for some time. Many of the leaders thought it a better plan to simply refuse to take part in the caucus and either by silence and absence to indicate their opposition to Mr. Hanna, or to send to the caucus a protest against his nomination. But in view of the large number of votes now claimed by them it is deemed best to hold a caucus and decide on some other man to be supported for the Senate.

ASHEVILLE'S NEW BANK ASSURED.

A Suspended Bank to Begin Paying Out $100,000.

[*Special to the Charlotte Observer.*]

ASHEVILLE, December 15.—A new national bank for Asheville seems practically assured. A meeting was held today at which it was decided to open a subscription list and about half the capital stock was pledged at the meeting. The new bank will have a capital of $100,000, and it is understood that J. W. Norwood will be president. Mr. Norwood is president of the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington.

WORK AT CASWELL.

Southport *Standard:* The work on the erection of the new fort which has been in operation for the past year at Caswell, is now nearing completion; some of the hands are now leaving, the machinery is being taken down and preparation is being made to turn the completed contract over to the Government.

The Government will place the guns in position and complete the work in the near future.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEW STOCK.

THE CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN Association will issue a New Series of Stock on Monday, January 3rd, 1898. This series is limited to 500 shares, a large number of which have already been taken. Parties desiring stock in this issue can have the same reserved for them by leaving their names with the Secretary. JNO. D. BELLAMY, Jr., de 17 3t fr su su Secretary.

Christmas Tinware.

JUST RECEIVED A NICE LINE OF CAKE Boxes, Spice Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., which will be sold very low. Until January 10th, 1898, I will sell any Cook Stove in stock at cost for cash. "Miner Lamps to burn." de 14 tf JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.

THE MORNING STAR.

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By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1897

A BETTER BANKING SYSTEM.

Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, is one of the most successful railroad managers and most progressive men in this country. He is a gold standard man of the uncompromising order, and is a member of the monetary commission appointed by the Indianapolis gold men to work for and devise a plan for currency reform. In a recent interview he is quoted as saying:

"The prospects are not as bright as we could wish, but we propose to keep at it until we get something done. Lincoln and Seward went into the Civil War on the theory that it would last only ninety days. They fought all the way from Bull Run to Appomattox. The gold standard people will keep up the fight right along, and you will find that they will win in the end. Something has to be done sooner or later. The great need of the country is a better banking system. If we had this we should hear very little of the silver question. Our representatives in Congress know as well as any one what is needed, but they have not the courage of their convictions. They care more for re election than they do for the requirements of the business world. One of these days we shall either elect our members of Congress for life or limit them to one term, and then they can act in accordance with the dictates of common sense and not be guided by the whims and wishes of their constituents.

"I sympathize with the South in its demand for better banking facilities. Charging people 15 per cent. in one place and 2 per cent. in another for the use of money is not equitable or just. The laws governing national banks were formed by Secretary Chase in order to force the old State banks, which had capital and credit, to support the Government's finances. As a war measure they were defensible, but under existing conditions they work much injury to the country. For example, our banks are not allowed to establish branches. That requirement forces on the business of every little town in the country the cost of maintaining a separate bank, with a paid-in capital, a salaried president and cashier, directors who expect some sort of compensation, an expensive banking house, burglar and fire proof safes, tellers, clerks and officers—in short, all the machinery of a great banking establishment. In many other countries branch banks are made compulsory.

"Just now the French Government is insisting that the Credit Lyonnais shall establish more branches as a condition to the renewal of its charter. That institution, as you know, is a bank of discount and deposit, with generous powers. It has something like $40 000,000 of paid-in capital and nearly $300,000 000 of deposits. In Paris alone there are twenty eight branches, not to speak of nearly a hundred more in Bombay, Constantinople, Moscow, Algiers, London and elsewhere. American bankers are required to wear the bonds and fetters that were imposed upon new and untried institutions more than thirty years ago, when the outcome of the war was problematical at the best."

Mr. Fish is one of the gold men who proposes to carry on the fight until they win, or until the other contingency happens—which he does not seemed disposed to anticipate—until they are whipped out, which is much more probable than their winning; but when he delivers himself on the need of better banking facilities he talks like a level headed man whose views are not measured by the standard of Wall street, where he spends most of his time and takes most of his lessons in financiering. One of his reasons, perhaps, for being such an aggressive gold man is because the railroad over which he presides and is doubtless a heavy stockholder in carries $15,000,000 or $20,000,000 of bonds in Europe, and any action unfavorable to the gold standard might seriously affect the standing of these bonds and give his road trouble; hence as a purely business matter he stands in with the European holders of these bonds.

But this doesn't affect the value of his views on the banking question, on which, for a New York man, he talks with a breezy candor and freedom. "If we had a better banking system," he says, "we would hear very little of the silver question." If we mistake not, we made some remarks on that line about four years ago when we contended that if they wanted to forestall the silver question, they should take steps to enable the people to provide their own banks and their own currency, by repealing the arbitrary act of Congress which taxed State bank issues and taxed State banks out of existence to clear the field for Secretary Chase's new banking system which, however, has outlived its contemplated period. Perhaps by providing better banking facilities they might somewhat lessen the agitation for free silver, but they will never provide, while the Republican party is in power, a system which will kill it, for to do that they will have to fight the combined money power as represented by the national banks, and the men that this money power and these banks send to Congress, where they are expected to do the work and look after the interests of those who nominate and elect them. We will have free silver before we have such a banking system as the people, and especially the people of the South need, and that is one reason why the people of the South will stick to free silver and fight it out on that line.

With free silver the banks could no longer control the volume of money as they have been doing, and they could not contract the volume to suit themselves as they have been doing. They would have the mints as competitors, for when there was an indicated or actual scarcity of money silver would be rushed to the mints and the dearth would be broken. Free silver would ensure the business of the country that meant protection against bank combining, but it would do more than that, for being a standard money equal to gold, it could be utilized and millions of it would be so utilized as a basis of bank currency and thus the establishment of banks would be facilitated on the presumption, of course, that the restrictive legislation were removed to permit the establishment of State banks and the banking laws now in operation so modified as to permit the establishment of national banks with other than U. S. bonds as a basis of note issues. With free silver once restored the national banks would desist from their fight against State banks, would cease to oppose the repeal of the bank tax act, and many of them would change from national to State banks because they would be less hampered under liberal State charters than they are under the Federal laws.

Mr. Fish understands the need of a better banking system for the South because he presides over a railroad which is a great trunk line from Chicago to New Orleans, and most of the earnings of that road come out of the Southern business it does. It has been one of the chief instruments in making New Orleans one of the great grain exporting ports of the country, and Mr. Fish in his dealings with the country through his road runs has had ample opportunity to study the situation and learn the needs of the South for better banking facilities and for more money; but the better banking system, and the only one adapted to the South, is State bank system, which each State can manage for itself.

MINOR MENTION.

Col. J. S. Carr, of Durham, was at the meeting of bankers in Atlanta, and being called upon for a speech responded briefly, but so effectively covered the ground that we reproduce it although it appeared in our press dispatches of the proceedings yesterday. He said:

"I am a free silver Democrat. When I go among bankers I confess that I feel lonesome, but I have plenty of company when I am with the rank of the people. I am for State banks all right and I don't care if the notes don't circulate outside of the States of their issue. We want money we can keep at home. The trouble with this good money that circulates everywhere is that it circulates away from us. The gold standard may be all right for the people up North, where they have plenty of money, but we want something else. I got my ideas of political economy and finance by hard knocks. I tell you that the alarm has been sounded in the watch tower of the public, and the people are demanding that something be done. We had better be doing it, too. I am for the dollar of our daddies, State banks and free silver."

We do not know whether Col. Carr is classed as a financier or not, but we know that by his business ability and good management, starting with nothing but industry, perseverence, attention to business and the right kind of brains, he has amassed a fortune that ranks him among the millionaires. We contend that the views of such a man, although he may not be a professional "financier," are entitled to serious consideration. He is right not only on free silver, and right on State banks, but he is right in preferring the State bank notes that will remain at home, or come home if they go away, to the notes that are so good that they will circulate anywhere and remain away. It isn't national banks, or State banks organized on the national plan, that the South most needs, but home banks which will furnish us a home currency that will meet the necessities of our people and the demands of business, that will pass current from hand to hand and remain with us, instead of drifting away to the money centers to be locked up and leave us practically without a circulating medium, as we have been and always will be until such a banking system is provided for. We commend the speech of Col. Carr.

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The resolutions passed at the meeting of the Southern bankers in Atlanta, Wednesday, as published in yesterday's STAR, are in the main good. Eliminating the features which lean towards the gold standard and Federal supervision and responsibility for note issues, they are very good. Taken as a whole they are a decided improvement on any scheme that has been suggested by the Indianapolis reformers, or by Secretary Gage. The bankers seem to have avoided, and perhaps designedly, any reference to the repeal of the State bank tax, or any special reference to State banks, but we suppose they thought this was covered by the thirteenth paragraph, demanding that "all banks be made equal under any law of the United States providing for banks of issue." To make the banks equal the discriminating tax against the State banks of issue must necessarily be abolished. But how are the banks going to be taken out of politics or the Government out of the banking business while the Congress of the United States organizes the banking system, and the banks look to Congress for the legislation under which they operate? While the Government had connection with the old United States bank it was in politics until it was wiped out, and very much in politics, too. The only way to get the banks out of politics is to get them out of Congress, and the only way to do that is to relegate banking matters to the States, to be managed according to State laws, and thus be kept out the arena of national politics, and beyond the interference of Congressmen representing districts and sections with conflicting interests.

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The Administration at Washington may, until forced off, retain its position on the fence as regards the war in Cuba, and Congress may be slow in responding, if it respond at all, to the sentiment of the American people on that question, but the fates seem to be favoring the strugglers for freedom. It was apprehended by some that the promised autonomy, accompanied by the conciliatory policy and the annulling of Weyler's brutal orders, might so influence the insurgents that many of them would surrender, and give up the struggle. But while there has been no indication of this, contentions have arisen in Spain and factions formed which may prove even as much or more of a hindrance to Spanish success than the armed men in Cuba. With the sentiment reported in army circles, the avowed hostility to the Government policy, the open endorsement of Weyler who had been recalled, how long would it take to foment a revolution that might require all the power of the home government to meet and make it impossible to sustain the army in Cuba? Judging from the reports of Weyler's movements since his return to Spain he may prove a more serious and dangerous factor there than he did in the role of Butcher and exterminator in Cuba.

TWINKLINGS.

— Jones says he thought his gas-meter had gas-trick fever, but now believes it to be affected with galloping consumption.—*Observer*.

— "Fine feathers," said the crow, as he watched the women on their way to Christian worship, "make short-lived birds."—*Indianapolis Journal*

— "In mourning?" "Yes; for an uncle." "Again an uncle? Why, how many are still alive." With a sigh. "All those that are rich."—*L'Illustre de Poche*.

— Simkins—"Did young Weakley enter college this year?"

Timkins—"No; I believed he failed to pass an examination in the college yell."—*Tit Bits*.

— "The last time I saw you, Dibble," said Corous, "you were publishing a bright little country paper. Did you lose your journalistic enthusiasm?"

"Worse," replied Dibble, with a mournful sigh. "I lost the county printing."—*Chicago Tribune*.

— A Juvenile Logician—"Ma, is there any pie left in the pantry?"

"There is one piece, but you can't have it."

"You are mistaken, ma, I've had it."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

— Mrs. Spriggins—"Where's your daughter, Mrs. Wiggins?"

Mrs. Wiggins—"She's gone to the cooking school. And that reminds me, I must go into the kitchen and get supper, for she'll be as hungry as a bear when she gets home."—*New York Weekly*.

— Smith—"That fellow Brown is the most quarrelsome man I ever met."

Jones—"Is that so?"

Smith—"Yes; I honestly believe he could provoke a professional pugilist into a fight."

— Count—"What's your name?"

New Servant—"Ferdinand."

Count—"My name is Ferdinand, too. That will make it rather embarrassing."

New Servant—"Not necessarily. You can change yours."—*Le Monde Comique*.

— "An author," said the practical litterateur, "ought to know several languages." "Of course he ought," replied his fellow craftsman. "The field has been so well worked that there is no longer any use of reading old English books in search of original ideas."—*Washington Star*.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— It is amusing to see the continual disparagement of William J. Bryan in the gold standard press. If he doesn't cut any ice in the country's future political history why waste so much ammunition on him?—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— The proposal to stop immigration as a protection to labor is equivalent to an admission that the Dingley bill merely aims to protect capital. So one wrong is to be followed by another in an attempt to make things right!—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Those two German missionaries killed in China must have been among the most highly esteemed and valuable subjects of Emperor William. Four hundred square miles of land, a naval station and harbor, and 600,000 marks, seems to be the price which China must pay, not to mention sundry decapitations of various Chinese directly or indirectly connected with the affair in which the missionaries lost their lives. Possibly this incident may furnish some clue as to why European governments are so anxious for missionaries to push into heathen lands.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— A new and large plant just erected in Alabama has sold its entire output of sheeting and coarse cotton cloths for the next five years to a syndicate of brokers in China. The fact that the goods are to go to China and continue going for such a long period means the opening of a considerable trade with the empire, since it is practically certain that if these goods prove satisfactory in quality and price, they will open the way for more. The Chinese have been large buyers of English cloths heretofore, and this is one more of the rapidly increasing instances in which American goods are beginning to supplant the English manufactures in the markets of the world.—*Philadelphia Ledger Ind.*

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mrs. Anne Jane Johnson died Wednesday morning at her home in 71st, aged fifty.

— Winston *Journal*: Mrs. Maria Watson, mother of Hon. C. B. Watson and Mrs J. L. Jones of this city, died at her home near Kernersville, Monday night, at the age of 93 years.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor*: The Raleigh cotton factory is now running seven days a week. The factory hands are all working extra time. A dividend will probably be declared in January, the first in some time.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The State Commissioner of Agriculture says there are now 2,000,000 acres of waste land in the southeastern counties, which if in timber would yield abundant returns at the rate of about $500,000 a year. The loss is due to lack of care in growing pine trees on these lands.

— Rocky Mount *Motor*: A gentleman of the Red Oak section advertised in a Richmond paper for a teacher to take charge of a private school. Within four days he had over one hundred and twelve responses, eighty-seven of which came in one mail. And yet some people say that advertising doesn't pay.

—— Maria Sims who sold cakes and apples and fried chicken to the railroad passengers here as long ago as 1842, is still active and well at the age, she says, of 102 years.

— Charlotte *News*: The usually quiet little town of Bryson City, in Swain county, was the scene of a bloody and perhaps fatal cutting affray night before last, says the Asheville *Gazette*. John Everett, a prominent merchant of the town, and a carpenter by the name of Summer became involved in a fight in the store of Everett in which Summers received nine different cuts with a knife in the hands of Everett. The cut which is thought to be fatal is in the right side. The other wounds are on the face and different parts of the body.

— Washington *Progress*: The Hatton-Perry case was given to the jury late Thursday afternoon and they had only been out a few minutes when they came in and returned a verdict of guilty of rape. This was the second jury that had said he is guilty of this offence. The prisoner did not show any signs of being affected by the verdict. The sentence was passed upon him Saturday morning. At this time the prisoner was very nervous, this being the first time during the trial he showed any sign of realizing the enormity of his crime. He was sentenced to be hanged Thursday, January 27th.

— Newbern *Journal*: The family of Gillicans who live on the upper end of Core Sound, near North river, are probably the weightiest family in Eastern North Carolina. The family consists of ten members, whose combined weight is over two thousand pounds. The 13 year-old girl of the family weighs 212 pounds.

—— At the store of James F. Taylor, on the wharf, can be seen a rattlesnake, stuffed and strapped to a board at full length, which in its living moments would have terrified the bravest person. The rattler was killed by Capt. Jim Hunter at Havelock. Its length is seven feet, seven inches, and it has sixteen rattles and a button.

— Charlotte *Observer*: A fatal accident, or what is supposed to have been an accident, occurred on the Blowing Rock turnpike at a point five miles this side of Green Park Monday night, by which a Mrs Ferguson lost her life. It seems that Mrs. Ferguson, who lived in the Southeastern part of this county, was on her way to Skyland Institute, near Blowing Rock, to see her daughter, who was attending Miss Pruden's school. She was driving alone in a one horse wagon, and when last seen was immediately behind another wagon driven by a man—whether an acquaintance or friend is not known. However this may have been, her dead body, wagon and horse were found on the steep mountain side some distance from the road this morning. The horse was alive with one trace still hitched. Although, on its face, it seems to have been altogether accidental, the officers have thought best to have the coroner make an investigation.

Humors of Hydrography.

As in every other feature of nautical life, hydrography has both its interesting and its humorous side. Many years ago the Graham shoal, lying between Malta and Sicily, gradually rose and rose until it reached a height of 150 feet above the level of the sea. Of course a party was very soon dispatched to annex and hoist the union jack on the newly found islet. Years afterward it was reported to have disappeared, and when her majesty's ship Newport surveyed the spot in 1868 a mass of scoriac ashes was found 2½ fathoms under water. In 1866, while searching for the Helen shoal in the China sea, breakers were reported from the masthead of her majesty's ship Dove, which immediately steamed toward the spot, and every one on board the vessel thought a shoal existed there. On a nearer approach, however, the supposed breakers were seen to be due to a fight between a whale and a thrasher.

Later on her majesty's ship Challenger in the course of her cruise happened to be in the neighborhood of the Fiji islands, when a peculiar play of the moonlight on the water was mistaken for an uncharted shoal. An unfamiliar "rip" was responsible for a similar mistake in the China sea in 1889. Again, toward the end of 1890 some mischievous fish caused a lot of trouble to a surveying expedition when her majesty's ship Alert in December of that year was engaged in ascertaining the exact position of Le Rhin shoal, in the Pacific. Breakers were sighted, and upon making for the supposed danger hundreds of large fish were discovered jumping and throwing the water high up into the air, and no bottom with 300 fathoms of line could be obtained.—Nautical Magazine.

In 27 days a letter from New York will be delivered in Hongkong.

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A WISE YOUNG WOMAN

SHE KNEW A THING OR TWO ABOUT WEAK HUMAN NATURE.

On the Eve of Her Marriage She Told a Friend Just How She Had Managed Jack and How She Should Manage Him After They Were Married.

"My dear girl, you are four years older than I am and have been married three years, yet you are as unsophisticated as a debutante," she remarked as she unpacked a piece of silverware and set it where it would show off to advantage.

"Another thing, my dear, I do not intend to nag Jack. I always have a contempt for a woman who does not get on with her husband, for, unless he is a perfect brute, the fault is hers. Now, of course, I think many wives are too careless and forgiving and are almost morally responsible for their husband's behavior, for if a man respects his wife and knows that, with her innate refinement, she has a horror of reckless dissipation, he will be careful not to shatter her ideal.

"But then, on the other hand, there is such a thing as apparently losing one's ears and eyes. Now last week Jack and I were staying with his aunt at her country place. That little Blankley girl, who tried so hard for Jack, was there. She got herself up regardless and wanted to be 'the one regretted,' I suppose.

"One day I was on the veranda and she was coming across the lawn. She met Jack and asked him to tie her shoe. That is rather thin in this day of patent fasteners, but her foot is as dainty as possible, which, of course, she is well aware of, and probably she is to be pardoned. Jack knelt down on the grass, and she put her foot on the first round of a garden chair. As he finished tying the shoe he kissed her instep.

"Then she went toward her hammock and posed very gracefully for him for an hour and made herself as bewitching as possible. I was in the cool shade of the veranda and enjoying immensely a new novel, which I had to finish, as we were to dine with the author that evening.

"When Jack joined me, just before lunch, do you suppose I pouted or looked reproachful? No, indeed. I just held out my hand and smiled sweetly and said: 'Why did you not bring Miss Blankly with you? She is such good company! I love to hear her talk.'

"That evening after dinner the fair Blankly kept three waltzes for Jack, and she was in a fair way to have those dances on her hands when that little Freddy Joy came to her rescue. If I had gone into heroics, Jack would have felt himself a martyr and longed to dance with her, if he did not defy me openly and do so.

"If I sulked and looked heartbroken, he would not have danced with her probably, but out of pity for me have given up that pleasure. As it was, he thought nothing of it and decided that my sweet, delightful trust (those are his words; he used them the other day when he had been up to some mischief, which I was clever enough not to investigate) should not be destroyed.

"If I had let him see that I knew he was flirting with the fair Blankly, it would have been necessary to my dignity to put a stop to it. That would have been disagreeable and not worth while.

"When Jack gets a note after we are married, I am not going to ask him from whom it is. That would put him to the trouble of lying, and I do not think him good at that sort of thing. Nor will I do the next thing, sit and look at him inquiringly while he reads it and make him feel called upon to volunteer the lie.

"When he wants to go out of town for a few days and I know he is going anyway, I will say that the change will do him good. I will not be like a schoolmate of mine with whom I staid a few weeks ago. I wanted her to come back to town with me, and she was dying to, but said she did not dare leave her husband, he would feel so slighted and annoyed as she had never been away from him a day since they were married.

"The husband wanted to go on a fishing expedition with some friends of his, but did not dare suggest to his wife that he was going to leave her with a fretful, maliciously bad baby. So they each staid and were bored with each other and dragged their chains along with them and never realized that they were doing the other a great injustice.

"After a while, if they keep that up, they will not be able to conceal the sacrifice from the other. Now, it is true, that each thinks the other is just as delighted with a tete-a-tete as at first. If they would only go away, have a change of scene and gather some new ideas, they would return much happier.

"Yes, as I said before, I have a fine contempt for a woman who does not get on with and is not great chums with her husband. The one mistake she must not make is to let him see that she is as clever as he. Let him think that his pretty little delusions fool her completely and all will be well."—New York Telegram.

An Energetic Woman.

Miss C. H. Lippincott of Minneapolis has for ten years carried on a successful flower seed business, extending all over this country and into Canada as well. She was the pioneer woman seed dealer of the country and has built up the largest exclusive flower seed business in the United States. In commenting upon her success The Tribune of her city says, "The fact that a woman has grown up so successful in business in a short time, and in the northwest, speaks another word for the energetic end of the century feminine, who is ill content to fold her hands and let others feed and clothe her, or, having a living to make, does not hesitate to go about it."

A Skin Prescription.

Here is an excellent prescription for troublesome spots and pimples: Forty minims liq. arsenicalis to 8 ounces of water. Two tablespoonfuls three times a day. If the spots are inflamed or at all irritable, dip a piece of soft rag into this soothing lotion and moisten them with it: Pure rosewater, 8 ounces; refined glycerin, one-half ounce; chloride of zinc, 12 grains.

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Their First Books.

Those who pay the most attention to the picture books first given to little children believe that it is best to give them those in which are found objects such as persons, animals, leaves, flowers and sketches of other things truthful and beautiful, instead of those in which all these forms are exaggerated, caricatured and grotesque.

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Many are the stories told of old Father Neale of Virginia, the Baptist preacher. He was by trade a carpenter, and before he forsook that business to become a minister was head carpenter to General Washington.

Father Neale's only book was the Bible, and when he found a young preacher using a concordance to help him find texts he said:

"You had better let that alone. It will do you more harm than good. It will make you lazy."

"But how can I do without it?" asked the young preacher.

"Why, do as I do," replied Father Neale. "Study the Bible till you know it by heart."

Once he heard a minister say that the people could not have been immersed in the Jordan because that river was so small that a man could almost dam it up with his foot. That was too much for Father Neale.

"I don't pretend to have any great learning," said he, with a twinkle in his eye, "but if I don't read books of travel, there's one book I do read, and that's the Bible. Now our brother here says the Jordan is so small that you may stop it with your foot. His books may tell him so, but my book tells me that David, when he was flying from Absalom and wanted to cross that same river Jordan, had to hire a boat to carry him over!"—Youth's Companion.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		6¼
Standard		7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ⅌ ℔	12	14
Sides ⅌ ℔	6	7¼
Shoulders ⅌ ℔	6	7½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ⅌ ℔	5	5¼
Shoulders ⅌ ℔		5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	1 10
New New York, each		1 20
New City, each		1 20
BEESWAX ⅌ ℔		22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ⅌ M	6 00	7 00
Northern	9 00	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ⅌ ℔	15	18
Northern	18	28
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	45
Virginia Meal	41	45
COTTON TIES—⅌ bundle		85
CANDLES—⅌ ℔—		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	8	10
CHEESE—⅌ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10	11
Dairy, Cream		11
State	10½	12
COFFEE—⅌ ℔—		
Laguyra	20	
Rio	8	10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ⅌ yard		5¼
Yarns, ⅌ bunch	18	20
EGGS—⅌ dozen		17
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ⅌ barrel	22 00	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ⅌ half-barrel	11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ⅌ barrel	16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ⅌ half-barrel	8 00	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ⅌ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ⅌ barrel	3 00	3 50
Mullets, ⅌ pork barrel		6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ⅌ keg	3 00	3 25
Dry Cod, ⅌ ℔	5	10
" Extra	3 35	3 50
FLOUR—⅌ barrel—		
Low grade		3 75
Choice		4 75
Straight		5 00
First Patent	5 25	6 00
GLUE—⅌ ℔—	7½	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White		45
Car load, in bags—White		44
Oats, from store	3½	35
Oats, Rust Proof		40
Cow Peas		55
HIDES, ⅌ ℔—		
Green		6
Dry		8
HAY, ⅌ 100 ℔s—		
Clover Hay	80	85
Rice Straw		50
Eastern		90
Western		85
North River		75
HOOP IRON, ⅌ ℔	1½	2
LARD, ⅌ ℔—		
Northern	5½	6
North Carolina	6	10
LIME ⅌ barrel	1 15	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ⅌ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	15 00
MOLASSES, ⅌ gallon—		
Barbados, in hhds		26
" " " in bbls		28
Porto Rico, in hhds		26
" " in bbls		28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	14
" " in bbls	14	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	15
NAILS, ⅌ keg. Cut. 60d basis		1 50
PORK, ⅌ barrel—		
City Mess	9 25	9 50
Rump		9 25
Prime		9 25
ROPE, ⅌ ℔	10	22
SALT, ⅌ sack Alum		1 10
Liverpool		60
Lisbon		
American	40	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ⅌ M	5 00	6 50
Common	1 50	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	3 50
SUGAR, ⅌ ℔—Standard Granu'd		5¼
Standard A		5⅛
White Ex. C		4⅞
Extra C, Golden		4⅝
C. Yellow		3⅝
SOAP ⅌ ℔—Northern	3¼	4
STAVES, ⅌ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		10 00
TIMBER, ⅌ M feet—Shipping		9 00
Mill, Prime		7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
⅌ M 6x24 heart	7 50	8 50
" Sap	5 00	6 00
5x20 Heart	4 50	5 00
" Sap	4 00	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	6 50
" Sap	5 00	50
TALLOW, ⅌ ℔		6
WHISKEY, ⅌ gallon—Northern	1 00	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	2 00
WOOL ⅌ ℔—Unwashed	[illegible]	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30¾ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30¼ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market quiet at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar steady, $1.10; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, 1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	88
Rosin	646
Tar	524
Crude Turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year—98 casks spirits turpentine, 896 bbls rosin, 416 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 15-16 cts ⅌ ℔	
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅜	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅞c.

Receipts—2,005 bales; same day last year 1,066.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Evening.—Money on call easier at 1½@2 per cent, last loan at 2, and closed offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¾@485 for demand and 482¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 483@484 and 486@487. Commercial bills 481½. Silver certificates 57½@57¾. Bar silver 55⅝. Mexican dollars 45½. Government bonds were easy; new fours, registered, 129½; new fours, coupon, 129½; fours, registered, 113 fours, coupon 114½; twos, registered, 99½, fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rosin steady; Spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30c bid; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31c; reported sales 423 casks at 30⅜c; receipts 570 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,751 barrels; receipts 3,985 barrels; quotations: A, B, C, D, $1 20, E, F $1 25, G $1 30, H $1 40, I $1 55, K $1 70, M $1 90, N $2 20, W G $2 55, W W $3 05.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec 16—The phases of the cotton market were not generally satisfactory, yet the situation developed a stubborn resistance that excited considerable comment. Adverse accounts from Fall River were supplemented by advices from New England cotton spinning districts at large, pointing to a ten per cent. reduction in the wages of cotton operatives throughout New England, with the possibility if not the probability of a general strike. In addition to this Liverpool cable accounts were disappointing. Following the first call, which showed a dull market with prices one point higher to one point lower, the changes were very narrow and the local situation became featureless and uninteresting; almost entirely destitute of outside speculative interest and also without the recent steady investment buying that has been disposed to take advantage of all weak intervals. Local traders had the market all to themselves without knowing what to do with it. At noon the market was dull at yesterday's closing prices and for the rest of the day ruled slow and featureless.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling 5⅞c.

Cotton futures market opened steady and closed steady, with sales of 90 400 bales; January 5 67, February 5 70, March 5 74, April 5 79, May 5 84, June 5 88, July 5 92, August 5 97, September 5 97, October 6 00, December 5 65.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 5⅞c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 56 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,498 bales; gross 6 858 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 3 888 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 56 bales; stock (actual) 97,046 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 52 221 bales; exports to Great Britain 35 793 bales; to France 9 316 bales; to the Continent 13 525 bales; stock 1,109,439 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 326 514 bales; exports to Great Britain 98 766 bales; to France 23,289 bales; to the Continent 115,194 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 778,799 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 538 449 bales; exports to France 432 658 bales; exports to the Continent 1,221,561 bales.

Dec. 16.—Galveston, steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 10,205 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5½, net receipts 5,481 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5⅝, net receipts 1,164 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 2 005 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6¼, net receipts 411 bales; Savannah, steady at 5¼, net receipts 10 898 bales; New Orleans, easy at 5¼, net receipts 18 237 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 3,800 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 5 550 bales; Augusta, firm at 5½, net receipts 2 288 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 3 16, net receipts 4,590 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Evening.—Flour—the market was quiet but steady, closing firmer. Wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 98¾½c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm on cables, small Northwestern receipts and closed weak West, and after a slow trade all day wound up strong at ⅝@1c net advance on export business and rumored reductions of French duty; No. 2 red January closed 97¾; May closed 98⅛c; December closed 98⅛c. Corn—spot firm; No 2 34½c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm on cables and eased off under realizing, but recovered on export demand and closed ⅛c net higher; May closed 34½c; December closed 32. Oats—spot steady; No. 2 27½c; options quiet but steady with the other markets, closing unchanged to ⅛c advance. February closed 27⅝c; December closed 27½c; May closed 27⅞c. Lard firm; Western steam $4 72½; December $4 75, nominal; refined lard was quiet; Continent $5 00; South American $5 35; compound 4@4½c. Pork firm. Butter quiet; Western creamery 15@23c; do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 23c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@21c; do. creamery 15@22c. Cheese steady, large white September 8½@8⅝c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Cotton seed oil quiet. Rice steady. Coffee—spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing 7½c; mild steady; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅛c; centrifugal 96 test 4c; refined firm; crushed 5⅝c.

CHICAGO, December 16.—Some indications of a revival of the foreign demand for American wheat had a good effect on the market to-day and at the close May showed 1@1½c advance. December was again pushed above the market, closing at $1.00½, an advance of 2½c. Trading in this delivery, however, was exceedingly narrow. Other markets were strong and weak by turns, but closed firm. corn and oats ⅛c higher each, while provisions showed 7½@10c advance.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Cash quotations: Flour—market quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88½c; No. 3 spring 80@93c; No. 2 red 1 00@1 00½c. Corn—No. 2, 26½c. Oats—No. 2, 21¾@22c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24@24½c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23@24c. Rye—No. 2, 46c. Mess pork, per barrel, $7 60@7 65. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 52½@4 55. Short rib sides, loose, $4 55@4 70. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 57½@4 77½. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 98¾, 1 00¼, 98¼, 1 00½c; January 93¼, 94¼, 93¾, 94½c; May 91½@91⅝, 92¼, 92½c. Corn—December 25¾, 26, 25½, 26c; May 29@29¼, 29¼, 28⅝@28¾, 29½@29¼c. Oats—December 21⅝, 21⅞, 21¼, 21½c; May 23¼, 23¼, 23½@23¾, 22½c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 65, 7 65, 7 60, 7 60; January $8 52½, 8 60, 8 45, 8 60, May $8 80, 8 87½, 8 70, 8 85. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 42½; January $4 52½, 4 55, 4 47½, 4 55. May $4 70, 4 72½, 4 65, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 35, 4 40, 4 32½, 4 40, January $4 37½, 4 40, 4 32½, 4 40, May $4 50, 4 55, 4 47½, 4 55.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firmer; spot and month 96¾@97c; January 97¼@97½c; steamer No. 2 red 91¾@91½c. Southern wheat by sample 92@98c; do on grade 92½@97½c. Corn firm; spot 33¼@33⅜c; month 32¾@33c; December, new or old, 32⅝@33⅞c; January 32¼@32½c; February 32¾@32⅝c; steamer mixed 31½@31½c. Southern white and yellow corn 27¾@32⅜c. Oats steady; No 2 white 29½@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices lower. American middling fair 3 9 16d; good middling 3 5-16d; middling 3 3 16d; low middling 3 1 32d; good ordinary 2 29 32d; ordinary 2 23 32d. The sales of the day were 12 000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 11 500 American. Receipts 23 000 bales, of which 21 300 were American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed steady. American middling (l m c): December 3 8 64d seller; December and January 3 8 64d seller; January and February 3 8 64d seller; February and March 3 8 64@3 9-64d seller; March and April 3 9 64d seller; April and May 3 10 64d buyer; May and June 3 11-64@3 12 64d seller; June and July 3 12 64@3 13 64d seller; July and August 3 13 64@3 14 64d buyer; August and September 3 14 64@3 15 64d buyer; September and October 3 15 64@3 16-64d value; October and November 3 16 64@3 17 64d seller.

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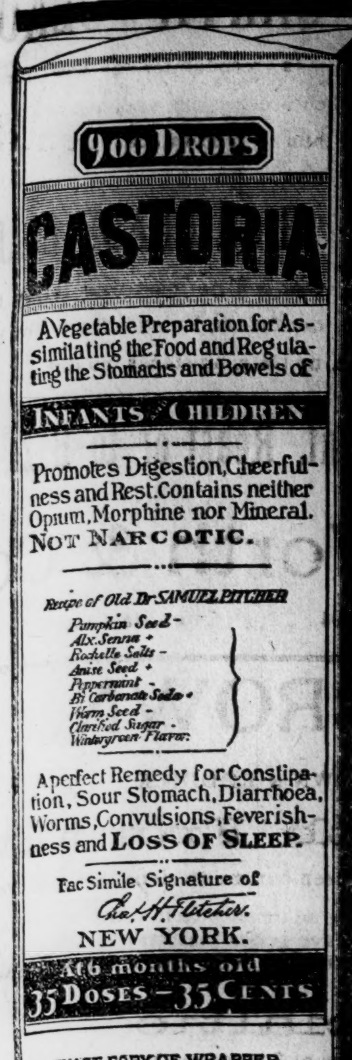

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It is very easy for a boy or girl to fall into these habits, and it is only by constant watchfulness that mothers can prevent them from doing so.

For both boys and girls dancing, and, in fact, any athletic exercise, under skilled supervision, where the fast growing body learns how to carry itself, are most highly recommended. All mothers should insist on these things being taught to their children, even at the expense of missing some other lesson. Football, tennis and the like are all very well as a form of exercise for developing the body, but they do not teach our boys and girls to hold themselves properly, to stand, walk and sit with perfect grace.

Effective Coloring.

An old house in Fordham, N. Y., was recently repainted by a local house painter who, by more luck than skill, secured an effect which is well worth chronicling. The parlor was all gray in color, and our artist left the walls, which were in fair condition, in this color, repainting the doors and the woodwork in two shades of soft green. If you can imagine the proper colorings, you can get an idea of how this harmony in green appeared. The effect was excellent. Around the entire ceiling was an old fashioned stuccoing of plaster. This, also, was touched up in the two shades of green. The walls had no designs upon them, but they looked all right when hung with pictures. The windows were draped with bottle green velours, and the result was an accidental harmony of coloring which is well worth remembering. It matters very little what color you select; the same effects may be obtained if you use two or three tones and a neutral color as a relief. It is safe always to make this neutral color the wall tint and carry out the draperies in a darker shade of the predominating color, interspersed with bits of contrasting hues.—Upholsterer.

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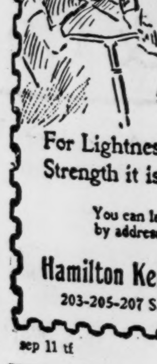

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As I dream before the fire,
With a flavor in my mouth
Like a zephyr from the south,
And my favorite tobacco
By my side,
Near my side,
With the soothing necromancy
Sweetly linking fact to fancy
In a golden memory chain,
To the gurgle, sweet refrain,
Of my pipe, brier pipe,
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In the fragrant, fleecy smoke
From my pipe, magic pipe,
From my glowing, peace bestowing, gurgling pipe.
—Sigel Roush in New York Sun.

TATTOOED.

Nelly Goodeve had nursed Captain Davison through a serious illness, not for a wage, but out of pure neighborly feeling and kindness of heart. From this he had only just recovered when his favorite nephew, Bertie Page, second mate of the Falcon steamship, came to pay him a visit after a long voyage. At that time Nelly was a thin, awkward girl of 17, with no figure to speak of, and scarcely a good feature, except her brown eyes, which were very large and lustrous. But the grateful old fellow introduced her to his nephew as "just the right sort of gal for a seafaring man to moor alongside of." To the mariner fresh from sea every woman under 40 is a goddess. And that is how the engagement came about.

Nelly was delighted. She did not pause to consider whether she loved the young sailor, but accepted him offhand. Simple seventeen often does that sort of thing and almost as frequently regrets it. Mr. Goodeve, who, I should explain, lived next door to Captain Davidson and was on very intimate terms with him, raised no objections. It was understood that Bertie did not wish to marry until he had command of a ship. In due course he went to sea again, and Nelly named him in her prayers morning and evening and kissed her engagement ring a great many times every day.

It is always interesting to watch the "ugly ducklings" putting on plumage, but none of the Goodeves seemed to be aware that their own particular "duckling" was developing into a "swan" until the young fellows of Stillboro, ignorant of the engagement so hasily entered into, began to swarm round her like bees about a honey pot.

Captain Davidson, however, was quick to notice the change which time was bringing to pass and to perceive that Dick Goodeve, Nelly's brother, had of late been much sought after—not on account of his own merits. Being particularly wide awake, as will presently be seen, the old fellow wrote a warning letter to his nephew. But the sailor was not his own master. Nearly two years passed before he was able to visit Stillboro.

Nelly was then 19 and as pretty a girl as one would wish to see. Pretty, by the way, hardly describes her. She had grown tall and stately. Her cheeks were rounded, dimpled and tinted like the rose. Her eyes were not as timid as formerly, but full of conscious power. Bertie, who had put on flesh, which had not improved his personal appearance, was amazed at the change. Her beauty tied his tongue, and he did not shine.

At the very first interview after their long separation she could not help contrasting him with more than one of her brother's new friends and greatly to his disadvantage. Captain Davidson, who was present, watched her closely, and it was after that meeting that he trotted out his little plan.

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"Well," said he when the girl had gone home to make her father's tea, "what d'ye think of your sweetheart?"

Bertie, who seemed nervous and flustered, pulled his fair mustache as if seeking inspiration therefrom.

"She's splendid," he said at length. "Who would have thought it? Inez at Barcelona isn't a patch on her."

"Who's Inez?" demanded the old salt quickly. "Some girl you've been carrying on with?"

"She's a Spanish girl that all our fellows swear by," he answered, coloring under the old man's keen gaze. "I haven't had much to say to her, not being free, but I thought she was jolly good looking until I saw Nell."

"I expect you're no wiser nor no better than most youngsters when they land in a foreign port," growled the old sea dog; "but, I warns you, don't play any tricks with Nell Goodeve."

"I'm not going to," rejoined Bertie, and no doubt he meant it.

"Because," Captain Davidson went on, "you're not married yet, not by no manner of means."

"You're not thinking that she won't have me, are you?" cried Bertie in alarm.

"There's no knowing. She has a lot of chances. I'd have liked your chance better if she'd been a bit sweeter just now."

"But she has promised. She has my ring on her finger this minute."

"Aye, aye. That sort of knot's easy loosed. If you'll take my advice, you'll crowd on every bit of sail you can carry and steer for a safe harbor."

"I don't quite understand you," said Bertie.

"Marry her!" cried the old man, thumping the table with his gnarled fist. "Marry her right away—tomorrow if you can persuade her to have you."

"But I've no home to take her to."

"Bring her here. You've no need to make a home. Here's one ready made, next door to her own father's, and she can spend half her time there and half here while you're at sea. I've set my heart on it," he went on earnestly. "If you marry her, this house and all there's in it shall be yours when I'm gone, and what money I have left shall be equally divided between you. She won't come to you a beggar neither. Goodeve has put money by, and Nell'll have her share."

"I'll ask her to fix the day next time I see her," said Bertie, with decision, and the old man growled approval.

It was odd perhaps that Nell, who during her lover's prolonged absence had been quite as faithful as most engaged girls similarly circumstanced, should find on meeting him that the chain galled her. At that time she did not know why exactly, but it was so. On returning home she took off her ring for almost the first time in two years.

"I don't think I love him," she said to herself, "and I don't think I can marry him."

When Bertie called after tea, she was in the same mood. Mr. Goodeve very considerately left them alone together, and the young sailor lost no time in coming to the point.

"Uncle wants me to get married at once," he said. "He has promised to give us the house next door and the furniture when he has done with it, and he would like us to make it our home now."

"It is very good of him," said Nelly, the red blood dyeing her cheeks, "but I—I would rather have a home of my own, and I couldn't leave father yet. I would much rather wait until you have a ship."

He tried hard to shake her resolution, but the more ardent he became the colder she grew, so he returned to his uncle and reported the failure.

"The worst of it," he added, "is that I've only a fortnight's leave. After that's over I shan't see her again for a year, and nobody knows what will have happened by then."

"That's true enough," said the old man thoughtfully. "I was afeared she'd go astern. There's two or three smart fellows about here ready to eat her, if looks go for anything. If you don't marry her now or make her fast, you never will."

"How can I make her fast?" asked Bertie gloomily.

"I've know'd," said Davidson, "when I was a young chap, a goodish many seafaring men as had to leave their sweethearts a-drifting about at the mercy of any privateer as chanced to sight 'em. Some of 'em—wide awake, they was—put a mark on 'em afore they sailed. That held 'em as fast as if the parson had spliced 'em."

"I never was a good hand at riddles," said Bertie.

Chuckling, the old sailor rolled up his sleeve and unbuttoned the wristband of his shirt. From the wrist upward the arm was tattooed. Captain Davidson passed the palm of his right hand up and down the pictures.

"Pretty, ain't they?" said he. "My fingers wasn't so shaky when I did 'em as they are now, but I reckon they're steady enough to put a mark on Nell's arm as'll hold her till doomsday, always providing as she can be persuaded to consent."

"What is it you are proposing?" asked Bertie.

"Just the tattooing of a few letters on her arm, my lad," answered the artful old fellow. "I wouldn't bother her to marry you any more yet awhile if I was you. Be as sweet as you know how, though. A day or two afore you sail you'll show her her name, tattooed on your arm to keep you true, and between us maybe we'll persuade her to let me put the same sort of holdfast on hers. Now, d'ye see?"

"I think I do," said Bertie.

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Thenceforth he treated Nell rather as a sister than a fiancee, the result being that she was much more at her ease when in his society. When she found that he never by any chance spoke of their marriage, she began to like him better and feel sorry that she could not love him.

Meanwhile Captain Davidson tattooed the letters "Nell" in capitals on the youth's right arm.

When only two days of the sailor's leave remained, he showed the tattooing to Nell in Captain Davidson's presence.

"It's a notion of uncle's," said he. "He thinks I might forget you when on the other side of the world, and this will serve as a reminder. I don't need it. I could never forget you. But uncle would have his way."

"Of course, of course," chimed in the old man. "It's only right and proper. You young folks are like a ship with a cargo of iron aboard. The compass is apt to play all sorts of queer pranks, and there's no knowing then where she's steering to. That tattooing is what I call a corrector. It'll keep the human ship on a true course. Roll up your sleeve, my dear, and let me put a corrector on you."

The girl stepped back with a little cry of dismay.

"I shan't hurt you," he went on.

"It isn't that," she said. "I—I can be true to my word without it."

"I'm not saying you can't," returned the old salt, "and Bertie isn't either. But, seeing as you won't marry him yet awhile, it would be a great comfort to him when he's far away to know as you couldn't well forget him. Wouldn't it, my lad?" he added, turning to the young sailor.

"It would indeed," was the reply.

"Of course," the artful old fellow went on, still addressing his nephew, "if she wants to find another sweetheart and don't care to be reminded of you, it's only natural as she wouldn't like me to tattoo your name on her arm. But," winking slyly, "there ain't no absolute need for you to sail on the Falcon. You've a home here, and I'd be glad of your company if you'd stop till you've had time to get married in a quiet, leisurely sort of way. I don't believe in hurriyng things myself."

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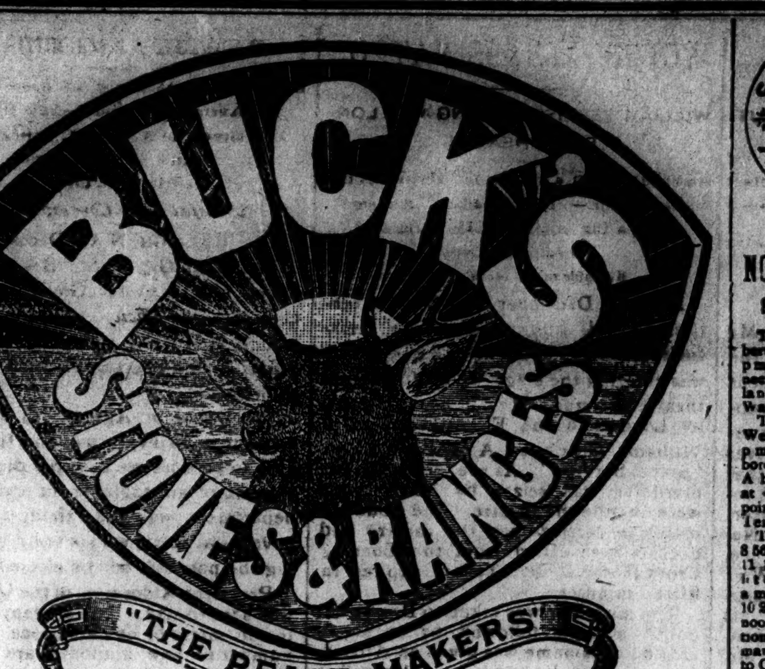

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Leave	Sanford	2 33 "
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Leave	Maxton	6 15 "
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Leave	Greensboro	9 35 "
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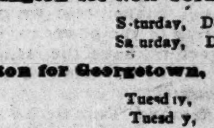

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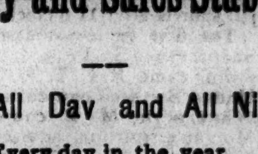

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DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 02 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 1 44 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7 15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.4 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1 47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.36 a m, Richmond 4.40 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 3 10 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 3 58 p m, Newbern 5 20 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.20 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.0 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 6.30 a m. St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.59 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3 2 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 21 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rock Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 3 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 20 a m, Jacksonville 10 42 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8 10 p m, Savannah 1 43 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m. Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8 25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10 41 a m, Chadbourn 11.45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.18 a m, Dillon 10 30 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m, returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.43 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.03 p m, arrive Lane's 7 35 p m, leave Lanes 8.38 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.25 p m, arrive Darlington 9.00 p m, Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 55 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 10 a m, arrive Florence 9 35 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.15 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.28 p m, Dunn 4 10 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9.28 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.58 p m, Selma 1.57 p m, arrive Wilson 2.35 p m, 12 22 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 10 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. de 2 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

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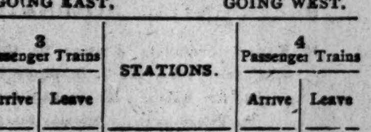

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Trains Arrive	3 Passenger Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Passenger Trains Arrive	4 Passenger Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston.........	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City....	7 42	7 47
P. M	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1897

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Secretary Gage Presented His Views to the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Secretary Gage appeared to-day before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives to present a bill embodying his views for a revision of the currency, to explain and urge its provisions, and to meet any objections raised by the committee. The Secretary was accompanied by Judge O'Connell, Solicitor of the Treasury. Copies of the Secretary's bill were handed to members of the committee, and were scanned with great interest.

Mr. Gage said, in opening: "The objects I have in mind in the series of provisions offered by me are four in number:

"First, to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard; remove as far as possible doubts and fears on that point, and thus strengthen the credit of the United States both at home and abroad.

"Second, to strengthen the Treasury in relation to its demand liabilities, in which are included greenbacks, Treasury notes and the incidental obligation to maintain a parity, through interchangeability with gold, so far as may be necessary, the present large volume of silver certificates and silver dollars.

"Third, to do this in such a way as not to contract the volume of circulation in the hands of the people.

"Fourth, to take an initial step toward a system of banknote issues without the conditional deposit of public bonds as security therefor. If we prosper as a people the revenue of the Government ought to be somewhat in advance of its expenditures and the public debt of the United States gradually reduced and finally extinguished. Looking at the question widely from my best point of knowledge and experience, I feel that if these could be secured, the condition of the Government, in its relation to the currency would be much safer and stronger than now and that through the operation of national banknote currency the commercial and industrial interests of the United States would be greatly advantaged."

Mr. Gage explained in detail the plan of issuing national bank notes for United States notes, Treasury notes and silver certificates and the covering of the latter demand notes for refunding bonds. He said the purpose of this was to accumulate $300 000 000 of the demand obligations, and placing them aside where they would relieve to that extent the demands on the Treasury. It was essential he felt, that these demand obligations should be materially reduced. At the same time he did not consider it safe to contract the currency by $300 000,000 at one strike and for that reason he had provided for issues of national bank notes to fill the vacuum.

This portion of Mr. Gage's plan evoked a lengthy discussion. The Secretary defended his position carefully and went into the subject thoroughly.

The hearing had continued until 12 30, and as several members desired to go on the floor of the House it was arranged that Mr. Gage would resume his hearing before the committee at 10 a. m. to-morrow.

HOMICIDES IN VIRGINIA.

Mat Linkenhoker Killed in Botetourt and Edwin A. Merritt Fatally Shot in Augusta County.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., December 16.—In Botetourt county last night Mat Linkenhoker, a farmer, and G G. Chase, a nurseryman, got into a difficulty as the sequel of a warrant trial over a horse, in which the farmer won. Linkenhoker was the aggressor, it is said. Pistols were drawn, and after the exchange of five shots Linkenhoker was killed. Chase was not hurt. Both parties are well connected.

A special to the *Dispatch* from Lexington says: Edwin A. Merritt, of Greenville, Augusta county, aged 27 years, son of Capt. C. G. Merritt, an old Mexican veteran, was shot and almost instantly killed at 1 o'clock this morning, by Robert N. Frenger, who resides about two and a half miles north of Greenville. The shooting occurred on the farm of Mr. Frenger's father, Mr. J. A. Frenger. Shortly after midnight Harriet Smith, a colored woman living in an outhouse adjacent to the Frenger mansion, aroused Frenger with the report that some one was entering, or had entered her house. Frenger got his breech-loader and, followed by his mother with a lantern, went to investigate. Seeing a figure about the woman's house Frenger opened fire and, it is said, shot six times. Later, Merritt was found dead near by. It is not yet explained why Merritt was about the premises at the time. This afternoon, at the coroner's inquest, the verdict was unlawful but not felonious killing. Frenger is under arrest and will give bail for his appearance.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

McKenna Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court—H. C. Dockery Marshal for Eastern North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Justice—Joseph McKenna, of California, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Treasury—Charles G Dawes, of Illinois, to be Comptroller of the Currency.

Court of Private Land Claims—Jos. R. Reed, of Iowa, to be chief justice; Wm. M. Murray, of Tennessee; Thos. C. Fuller, of North Carolina; Henry C. Sluss, of Kansas, and Wilbur F. Stone, of Colorado, to be associate justices. These are reappointments, their terms expiring December 31st, 1897.

Henry C. Dockery, of North Carolina, to be marshal of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The Senate immediately confirmed the nomination of Mr. Dawes, but that of Mr. McKenna was sent to the Committee on Judiciary. It will be considered after the holidays.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

Three Train Men Killed and a Half Dozen Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLINTON, IND., December 16.—Train No. 3 on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, which left Chicago at 11.34 last night, ran into an extra train near here at 5 o'clock this morning. Three employes were killed and half a dozen others injured, but no passenger was hurt. Both engines were badly wrecked, the baggage car was thrown down an embankment and the mail car smashed. The cause of the accident is not definitely known at present, but it is supposed to have been due to the crew of the extra train overlooking the passenger train.

In the Virginia State Senate yesterday the Barksdale anti-football bill was defeated—ayes, 13; nays, 21.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

SENATOR PRITCHARD TALKS ABOUT THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

The Bimetallic Conference—Recess Resolution Adopted—Pelagic Sealing Discussed in the House—Secretary Gage's Currency Bill Introduced—Bankruptcy Bill Reported.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Mr Wolcott, of Colorado, chairman of the commission appointed by President McKinley to secure, if possible, the co-operation of foreign countries in an international conference upon the silver question, said in the Senate to-day that the commission had not yet made a report to the President and it was uncertain when a report would be made. Negotiations for a bimetallic conference, he said, are still pending; but, Mr. Wolcott assured the Senate, the commission had no intention of prolonging its efforts beyond the point where reasonable hope of success should exist. Mr. Wolcott promised to explain fully the work of the commission in a speech to be delivered after the holiday recess.

Senator Hanna, of Ohio, after an illness of a week, appeared in the Senate to-day and was cordially greeted by his colleagues.

Senator Allison of the Appropriations Committee reported favorably the House joint resolution providing for a recess from December 18th, 1897, to January 5th, 1898. The resolution was adopted.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, chairman of the Committee on Civil Service, which is engaged in a general investigation of the civil service system, followed in a speech dealing with the general features of the civil service law, contending that under the Democratic administration there had not been an honest enforcement of the law. He did not, he said, impute corrupt motives to those administering the law, but he did assert that they had permitted their partisan zeal to induce them to place a construction on the civil service law in many instances that is at variance with the spirit as well as the plain letter of the law. "There can be," he continued, "no such thing as an honest enforcement of the law if we are to permit the classification as made by Mr. Cleveland to remain in force, and it is the imperative duty of the Republican party to modify the law so as to give expression to the honest intentions of the framers of the statute."

At 2 o'clock the bill went over to a future day, and on motion of Senator Quay the Senate went into executive session.

At 3 o'clock the executive session was concluded and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The bill to prohibit pelagic sealing was warmly antagonized by Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota; Mr. Laud, of Colorado; Mr. Hepburn and others, and in the course of the debate there was some exceedingly caustic criticisms of the course of our Bering sea negotiations past and present.

The Currency bill framed by Secretary of the Treasury Gage, was introduced by Chairman Walker, of the Banking and Currency Committee, immediately after the hearing. The bill as presented to the House is identical with the bill as before submitted to the committee, save for a few changes of no especial significance which were suggested by Mr. Walker.

An hour was spent on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill without accomplishing anything. The Bankruptcy bill was reported by the Judiciary Committee and an extension of time granted in which the minority may file its report.

At 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

It the course of his statement, Mr. Gage said that his bill would be supplemented at a latter day by another measure, carrying out the recommendation of the President that the Secretary of the Treasury be empowered to borrow when circumstances demanded, $100,000,000 for a term not exceeding one year. This power would not be exercised except at rare intervals, but it would have a steady log effect from the knowledge it gave the market that the power existed. With this power to borrow in case of need, and the measures provided by his bill, Mr. Gage said he would just as leave run the Government finances as to to run anybank, as there would be no more responsibility or hazard.

POPULIST CAUCUS.

Resolutions Adopted Concerning Finances, Civil Service, Cuba and a Bankruptcy Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—A caucus of the Populist members of the House of Representatives was held at the National hotel to night. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously, except that referring to civil service:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that we will resist all efforts to so modify the existing civil service laws as to enable any party that may be in power to fill the different positions in civil service with partisans.

Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all efforts to destroy our greenbacks and treasury notes, whether it be by direct legislation or by the subterfuge of refusing to re-issue the same except in exchange for gold.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the conferring of the power to issue notes designed to have the same functions as money to any bank, corporation or individual.

Resolved That we favor the early consideration and passage of the joint resolution recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the early passage of an equitable voluntary bankruptcy bill.

A PUBLIC EXECUTION.

Ten Thousand People Witness the Hanging of a Murderer at Ripley, West Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RIPLEY, W. VA., December 16.—John Morgan paid the penalty this afternoon for murdering three members of the Green family on November 5th last. The procession to the gallows, which was about half a mile from the town, left the jail shortly after 11 o'clock.

The first vehicle contained Morgan, Sheriff Owen Shinn and a deputy. Following came Rev. T. H. Riner, of the United Brethren church, and Rev. J. J. White, of the M. E. church, who were Morgan's spiritual advisers during his last hours. Following their carriage came a wagon which contained about two dozen reporters. Surrounding the scaffold in the vast field were about ten thousand men, women and children. Morgan was very cool. He was the most composed man on the scaffold. During the last solemn services Morgan stood very unconcernedly viewing the vast crowd of spectators. During the long prayer Morgan stood with head bowed down and eyes closed. Just before the black cap was pulled over his face Morgan said: "I bid you farewell. This is a warning to all young men not to go astray as I have. My God, I am sorry."

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ACTOR ASSASSINATED.

WILLIAM TERRISS PLAYING AT A LONDON THEATRE.

Stabbed to Death While Entering the Stage Door—His Assailant Arrested With a Big Butcher Knife Concealed Beneath His Cape.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 16.—William Terriss, the well known actor, was assassinated, being stabbed with a knife as he was entering the stage door of Adelphi theatre to-night. He had been playing in London in the English version of William Gillette's American drama "Secret Service." As the actor fell his murderer was seized by people who were outside the theatre. The wounded man was carried into the theatre and doctors were called from the Charing Cross Hospital, but Terriss expired in fifteen minutes.

The murderer was taken to Bow street police station, followed by an angry crowd. His name was given as Archer. It is said that he had been a "super" at the Adelphi theatre several years ago, and for some days past he has haunted the theatre. The motive of the crime is not yet known.

When Archer arrived at the police station he still held the weapon, apparently a big butcher knife, concealed beneath his cape. On being charged with murder he is reported to have replied: "He's done me out of the benevolent fund this morning, and I am out of it for life."

Owing to the tragedy no performance was given at the theatre to-night.

A member of the Adelphi company says the assassin was known at the theatre as "Mad Archer," and that when ordered off the premises last night he muttered "not yet." Others say that Archer nursed a grievance against Mr. Terriss even before he left his employment at the theatre. More than once he stood in the wings and indulged in sarcastic comments on Mr. Terriss' acting, such as "Fools often succeed in life where men of genius fail." The assassin made no attempt to escape. When seized he offered to go quietly to the police station.

According to later accounts Mr. Terriss had alighted from a cab at the stage door in Maiden Lane, used only by himself and the principal members of the company. Mr. Gilbert Tate, the theatrical agent, met him at the door. The two were standing and in conversation, and Mr. Terriss was just taking the door key from his pocket when his assailant darted from the shade of a neighboring shop and plunged the knife into his breast almost bearing him to the ground with the savage force of the blow. Mr. Terriss dropped his glove and tried to seize his assailant, who then dealt two more stabs before the bystanders had time to interfere.

The murderer gives the name of Richard Arthur Prince, but he was known at the theatre as Archer. His wife has been employed there as a dresser. Since he left the Adelphi, Archer has several times begged aid from the different theatrical funds of whose committees Mr. Terriss was a member.

Miss Ellaline Terriss, daughter of the deceased, is convalescing from a recent illness at Eastbourne. Her husband, Seymour Hicks, the actor, did not appear at the Gaiety theatre to-night.

William Terriss was born in London, October 18th, 1851, and came of an excellent family. His father was a Kentish county gentleman and his mother a sister of the celebrated historian of Greece, the late George Grote. Terriss was a nom-de-theatre, the real name of the deceased actor being William Lewis.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

Departure of the Warship Gefion with Prince Henry of Prussia for Chaohou Bay.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

KIEL, December 16.—The German cruiser Gefion, bound for China, left her moorings at 8 o'clock this morning amid salutes and cheers from the crews of all the warships in the harbor. The weather was glorious and the harbor presented a most animated picture. The shores were thronged with people.

Prince Henry of Prussia made his exit from the Castle gate at 8 30 a. m. He was cordially saluted by the admirals as he entered his launch.

Just before 9 o'clock the Emperor, in an admiral's uniform, appeared alone at the Castle gate, saluted the officers and entered a launch. His Majesty received an ovation from the officers, the public and the crew of the Hopenzollern, the imperial yacht, which is wintering near the spot.

Emperor William toasted his brother, Prince Henry, at the banquet given in the latter's honor at the royal castle last night. Among other things he said: "Let it be clear to every European there, to the German merchant, and above all to the foreigner on whose soil we may be, and with whom we may have to deal, that the German Michael has firmly planted on that soil a shield emblazoned with the Imperial eagle, in order to afford protection, once for all, to him who applies for it."

Prince Henry replied, addressing his brother as "Most serene Emperor, most powerful King and Lord, illustrious brother." In conclusion he said: "I raise my glass to call those who with me enjoy the happy privilege of being permitted to go forth, to remember this day, to impress on their minds the person of the Emperor; to let the cry resound far out into the world: Our most serene, mighty, beloved Emperor, King and master, forever and ever! Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!"

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Special Committee Report on Employment of Convict Labor—The Annual Address.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 16.—The American Federation of Labor met to-day in adjourned session. One of the most important reports of the session was that of the special committee on convict labor. It was the sense of the committee that the employment of convict labor should be primarily for self-support.

Reports were received from a number of States, after which the meeting adjourned until morning.

To-night Odeon Hall was filled to hear the annual address by Hon. Carl Schurz, President of the National League; Judge William H. Taft, of the United States Court of Appeals, presiding. President Schurz was frequently interrupted by applause, especially in the closing part of his address, in which he became most vigorous in his reply to the recent charges of Congressman Grosvenor. At the conclusion of the address there was a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Schurz.

A resolution tendering the sympathy of the convention to the textile workers of the North and promising to render all possible assistance in case of a strike was adopted.

The negro question occupied the major portion of the afternoon session and heated discussion was brought out by a resolution introduced by Henry Lloyd, reaffirming the declarations of the Federation that all labor, without regard to color, is welcome to its ranks. It was finally adopted and the delegates went into executive session.

The feature of the New York dry goods market is the reduction in staple cottons which after a long delay has been at last made public. This has resulted in increased buying on the part of jobbers principally by mail orders, buyers in the market here being still quite scarce.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

State Geological Board in Session—Board of Agriculture Meets—The University—The A. and M. College—Cattle Affected with Tuberculosis.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*

RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.

The State Geological Board met in annual session to day, Governor Russell, chairman *ex officio*, presiding. State Geologist Holmes submitted his annual report, which contained much valuable information.

The Board of Agriculture meets for an hour or so every day and thus manages to accumulate neat per diems. No election of an engineer in the heating department was had, though it is believed that King, who is temporarily filling the position, will be elected.

President Alderman, of the University, was here to-day. The students are now in the midst of examinations. A large number of new students are expected after the Christmas holidays. The A. and M. College gives a Christmas vacation from December 23d to January 4th. President Holladay says at least twenty-five new students will enter college at the Spring term.

The First Baptist church is putting in an expensive hot-air heating apparatus.

Several herds of cattle in this city will be examined for tuberculosis. An expert states that the disease is prevalent in the asylum herd of cattle.

The funeral of ex-Sheriff High occurred this morning. A great many people were present at the funeral.

AFFAIRS IN MADRID.

The Government Alarmed at the Menacing Attitude of the Populace—A Revolution Feared.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 16.—According to the *St. James Gazette*, private letters received here; from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant, and that the Government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, cannot be relied upon.

The wildest rumors are current, say the letters in question, with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the members of the royal family to France at the first sign of revolution.

MADRID, December 16.—Marshal Prim Rivera, the Governor General of the Philippines, has sent a dispatch to the government, according to the *Gazette*, saying that in his opinion the submission of the rebels is the result of the recent Spanish victories and that a peace has been attained which leaves Spain's honor secure.

CUBANS CONFIDENT.

Six Thousand Well-Armed Men In Santa Clara—Two Filibustering Expeditions Land.

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[Special to the Baltimore Sun.]

HAVANA, December 15.—The *Herald* field correspondent reports from Santa Clara that the insurgents in that province have more than six thousand men, well armed, and are confident of ultimate success. They are also well provided with medicine and other necessaries. General Gomez is at La Reforma, where he has been for nearly a year. It is reported this morning that General Garcia has captured and destroyed the city of Bayamo.

Within the last four days two large filibustering expeditions have safely reached Cuba. One landed in Matanzas province and the other at Baracoa, only five leagues from Havana. They consisted chiefly of clothing, medicine and dynamite. The rebels are now using large quantities of dynamite with considerable effect.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL

Another Hitch—One of the Jurors Discharged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 16.—There was a peculiar turn in the Luetgert trial to-day. Juror Boasberg was accused of having expressed himself, prior to being placed on the jury, as in favor of a rope for Luetgert. The testimony of a number of people who had heard Boasberg make this remark was taken. Judge Gary gave Boasberg the alternative of resigning from the jury or being discharged. The defence waived their claim to the right to discharge the other members of the jury, thus removing the danger of another long tie-up. A panel of 100 venire men was ordered by the Court and the counsel for the State and the defence will to-morrow attempt to secure another juror.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

One Passenger Killed and Four Others Injured in a Railroad Collision in Arkansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FORT SMITH ARK., December. 16.—A collision occured on the Greenwood Branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad, ten miles from this city to day, in which Mrs. E. A. Hollenback, of Jenny Lind, was instantly killed and four other passengers were injured. A coal train was following the passenger train and the latter was stopped to cool a hot box. The torpedo signal failed and the engine of the coal train telescoped the rear coach of the passenger train.

WARM WIRELETS

A dispatch from Athens announces that the treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece has been ratified by King George and the Sultan.

The board of the Virginia State Female Normal School elected Robert Frazer, LL. D., principal of that institute, to fill the vacancy caused be the death of Prof. John A. Cunningham.

Owing to the death of President McKinley's mother, the White House will be closed against all social functions for thirty days. Consequently the regular New Year's reception will be omitted.

Alphonse Daudet, the French composer, is dead. He was dining with his family at home in Paris, France, and was in excellent spirits, when he was seized with a sudden syncope. Physicians were summoned, but he died almost immediately.

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